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SUBJECT: NEGATIVE REACTION TO ACHEAMPONG'S RESHUFFLE OF
GOVERNMENT

LONDON FOR SEITZ

REF: ACCRA 4524

1. FIRST PUBLIC REACTIONS TO ACHEAMPONG'S GOG
PERSONNEL SHIFTS ARE PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE. RESPONDING
TO DISMISSAL OF MEDICAL SCHOOL DIRECTOR S.R.A. DODU
AND KORLE BU HOSPITAL SURGEON E.A. BADDIE (APPARENTLY
FOR THEIR INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE MEDICAL
STUDENTS RETURN TO CLASS AFTER THE INITIAL CLOSURE
OF THE UNIVERSITIES ON MAY 14 OR FOR THEIR ROLE IN
THE RELATED DOCTORS' STRIKE AT THAT TIME), MEDICAL
STUDENTS AND DOCTORS HELD PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AT
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KORLE BU HOSPITAL ON JUNE 15 AND DOCTORS IMMEDIATELY
BEGAN ANOTHER STRIKE ACTION. WE DO NOT YET HAVE
DETAILS OF THEIR DEMANDS, BUT ASSUME DOCTORS PLAN
TO STRIKE UNTIL DODU AND BADDIE ARE RE-INSTATED.
KORLE BU STILL SHUT DOWN AS OF MORNING JUNE 16.
SOME PRIVATE DOCTORS ALSO STRIKING.

2. LEGON CAMPUS STUDENTS REPORTEDLY VIEW THE GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE AS A FARCE AND ALSO AS A SIGN THAT ACHEAMPONG'S REGIME IS WEAKENING. STUDENT LEADERS HAVE CLEAR AIM OF BRINGING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT AND SAY THEY WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH LESS. SOME EXPECT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO, AND A LARGE ONE WOULD GREATLY EMBARRASS THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT--ESPECIALLY IF FORCE HAS TO BE USED TO CONTROL IT. PRESS JUNE 15 CARRIED NATIONAL UNION OF GHANAIAN STUDENTS (NUGS) CALL FOR STUDENTS TO RETURN TO CAMPUSES (FEW HAVE, ESPECIALLY AT KUMASI AND CAPE COAST) BUT THIS APPARENTLY TO FACILITATE DEMONSTRATIONS, NOT RETURN TO CLASSES.

3. LOCAL MEDIA ANNOUNCED MAY 16 THAT A NUMBER OF SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OR RETIRED, APPARENTLY AS FOLLOW-ON TO EARLIER TOP LEVEL CHANGES. COMMENT: ACHEAMPONG RESHUFFLES THESE SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT CURRENT CHANGES ARE MORE LIKELY THAN USUAL TO ALIENATE STILL MORE KEY GHANAIAANS.
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